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VIA EMAIL AND U.S. Mail

The Honorable Gary E. Clary
Ad Hoc Committee Chair of the Legislative Oversight Committee
South Carolina House of Representatives
P. O. Box, 11867
Columbia, S. C. 29211

Dear Representative Clary:

In response to the questions presented by the Ad Hoc Committee in the letter dated December 14, 2015, please be advised as follows:

1. Is the agency's relationship with abortion providers in South Carolina of such a nature as to allow the agency to be in a position to ascertain any information pertaining to an abortion provider's possible acceptance of reimbursement for the donation of fetal tissue?
 - a. No. The South Carolina Department of Corrections does not have a relationship with any abortion provider in South Carolina for the purpose of abortion services and is not in a position to ascertain any information pertaining to an abortion provider's possible acceptance of reimbursements for the donation of fetal tissue.
2. Has the agency provided any state funding to Planned Parenthood or any other abortion provider for pregnancy prevention or comprehensive health education instruction?
 - a. No. The South Carolina Department of Corrections has not provided state funding to Planned Parenthood. The Department of Corrections provides medically necessary prenatal and delivery care to pregnant female inmates from a designated community hospital clinic, designated community hospital, and community obstetrician because the services are beyond the resources of the agency. The agency is not in a position to ascertain information about the services provided by these healthcare providers to other patients.
3. What agency controls are in place so as to determine if abortion providers in South Carolina that receive funds from the agency for a specific purpose do not comingle those funds with other public or private funding?
 - a. The South Carolina Department of Corrections has contracts with many health care providers for many services for our population. The Department is not in a position to ascertain information about services provided by healthcare providers to other patients.

I hope that this letter is responsive to your questions. Please contact me if clarification or additional information is needed.

Sincerely,

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